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ENGLAND MAKE GOOD START

118 FOR 2

Barnett And Hammond
Add 91 Runs

Sydney, To-day.

G. O. B. ("Gubby") Allen, the English Test captain, won the toss in the Second Test match against Australia, which opened here to-day and elected to bat and at the luncheon interval England had scored 100 for the loss of Fagg, but only 18 runs had been added after the resumption before Barnett was dismissed for 57 runs.

The match opened in sunny weather, before a crowd of 30,000 spectators. The winning of the toss by Allen should prove invaluable if the wicket crumbles after a few days, as it is expected to do.

There was one change in each side from the teams that played in the first Test, which ended in a sensational win for England. In the English team Sims (Middlesex) replaced Worthington (Derby), while in the Australian side W. J. O'Brien is included in the side in place of R. Robinson, who is twelfth man.

FIERY BOWLING

McCormick indulged in some fiery bowling, his deliveries "kicking" a good deal, one of which struck Fagg on the cheek while another hit Barnett on the knee, and the former, never quite at his ease against the fast bowler, sliced a rising one into the safe hands of Sievers, who was fielding in the slips, this fielder bringing off a good catch, very low down.

Hammond joined Barnett and the 50 was signalled after play had been in progress for 53 minutes. After 90 minutes the hundred was hoisted. Barnett played sparkling cricket, indulging in some very fine cutting and driving. He scored his 50 in 89 minutes and for a time overshadowed the redoubtable Hammond, who took no risks.

100 FOR 1 AT LUNCH

Lunch was taken with the score at 100 for 1, Barnett (51) and Hammond (30).

England soon lost Barnett after the resumption for, with the score at 118, Barnett was dismissed after having scored 57.

Scores:—

ENGLAND

Barnett 57
Fagg, c Sievers, b McCormick 11
Hammond, not out 42
Extras 8

Total (for 2 wickets) 118
Fall of the wickets: 1 (Fagg) for 27; 2 (Barnett) for 118.

STOP PRESS

HAMMOND'S CENTURY

Sydney, To-day.—M.C.C. 209 for 2 (Hammond 190 not out). Tea interval.—*Reuter.*

BADMINTON FIXTURE POSTPONED

The scheduled fixture between the Free Lances, and Club de Recreio "B" in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, which was to have been played off to-night, has been cancelled at the request of the former team.

REBELS START BIG OFFENSIVE

GOVT'S. STRONG POSITION IN BOADILLA SECTOR

FIVE PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Madrid, To-day.

Strong insurgent pressure has been exerted on all sectors of the Madrid front during the past 24 hours, according to a Defence Committee communique, which states that a big offensive was launched in order to occupy as many of the Government troops as possible while the insurgent attacks were being continued in the Boadilla del Monte sector, where, it is stated, the Government army presents an impenetrable barrier.

It is claimed that five insurgent planes were brought down during yesterday's raid but no Government machines were lost.—*Reuter.*

London: The British Charge d'Affaires in Madrid, Mr. G. A. D. Ogilvie-Forbes, sent a cable here yesterday stating that the Spanish Red Government has consented to the Non-Intervention Committee's proposals for the establishment of a control over the importation into Spain of war materials.

INDIGNATION IN MOSCOW

Rumanian Action Denounced

HONOUR BESTOWED ON "WHITE RUSSIAN TERRORIST"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

Considerable indignation and criticism has been aroused here by the announcement that the Rumanian Government has conferred an order on the former Minister of the Imperial Russian Government in Bucharest, Pokrowski-Kornitz.

The *Pravda*, in declaring that whereas Pokrowski-Kornitz is officially in Bucharest as the representative of the League of Nations Committee for questions concerning refugees, he is in reality in the service of a White Russian terrorist organisation, and alleges that, with the support and patronage of influential Rumanian personages, he carries on an active anti-Soviet campaign in order to weaken the relations between the two countries.

The journal declares that this act on the part of the Rumanian Government is not in keeping with the Rumanian assurances that she desires to maintain harmonious and friendly relations.

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LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

Teams For Sunday

The first Ladies' Interport hockey trial will take place on Sunday morning on the Y.M.C.A. ground commencing at 10 a.m.

The following are the two teams:
Colours: Mrs. Rose; Mrs. Burke, Miss A. Fowler; Miss L. Silva, Miss E. Thomson, Miss J. Lake-man; Miss O. Dalziel, Miss M. Roza, Mrs. Read, Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

Whites: Mrs. Lunson; Miss E. M. Gray, Miss J. Smalley; Miss J. Humphreys, Miss J. Wong, Miss K. Glover; Miss E. Blackmore, Miss W. Marsh, Mrs. Donald, Miss Marvin and Miss D. Hunt.

The R.M.A. Donade left for Penang at 11.30 a.m. to-day. She carried no passengers or freight but had 112.04 kilos of mail matter aboard.

The Note of the Spanish Red Government begins with the protest that there are two warring parties in Spain and that it is against any sort of international recognition of the authorities in Burgos.

This is followed up by an accusation against Germany, Italy and Portugal alleging violation of the non-intervention agreement. The Spanish Reds are claiming the right to such quantities of arms and ammunition necessary to defeat the Nationalists.

The Red Government finally declares that it is prepared to accept, in principle, the control plan while reserving the right to make it subject to further discussion.

NEW CATALAN COUNCIL
Marseilles: The formation of a new Council in Catalan, under President Companys, is now completed, according to a report from Barcelona.

The Ministry of Finance will be under Senor Tarradellas, from the Republican Left Wing Party, he having also been appointed the first Councillor. The author Ventura Cassal, who was in charge of the Ministry for Public Instruction in the former Cabinet, is also included in the new body.—*Trans-Ocean Service.*

Paris: The Government has taken measures to check the enrolment of miners as volunteers for Spain and also the mass organisation for the departure of the volunteers.
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ANOTHER AIR TRAGEDY

PLANE WITH SEVEN PASSENGERS MISSING

Salt Lake City, To-day.

A plane containing seven passengers has been lost in the snow.

Traces of broken trees and wheels lying around indicate that the plane must have crashed in a snow-bound forest. A search has been instituted but there is no hope of finding the occupants of the plane alive, for if they were not killed in the crash they will probably have died from exposure.—*Reuter.*

NEW B.B.C. GOVERNORS

London, To-day.

Capt. Sir Ian Fraser, the blind member of the House of Commons, and Mr. James Joseph Mallon, Hon. Secretary of the Trade Boards Advisory Council, have been appointed the new governors of the British Broadcasting Corporation.—*Reuter.*



Captain Jimmy Molison displays his rabbit's foot at Croydon Airport, England, after his record-breaking flight from Halifax, Jimmy spanned the Atlantic in the unofficial time of 13 hours and 13 minutes, but failed in his recent record attempt from Croydon to the Cape.

OVER-AGE CRUISERS TO BE RETAINED

BRITAIN EXCHANGES VIEWS WITH UNITED STATES AND JAPAN

London, To-day.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, announced that Britain would officially intimate to the United States and Japan her intention to retain five over-age cruisers, under Article XXI of the London Naval Treaty. He said that, in view of the deterioration of the general international situation, it was obviously not the moment when any Power would wish to scrap any serviceable vessel, and the Government was, therefore, exchanging views on the subject with the United States and Japan.

The United States has already intimated that if the British Government decides to retain those vessels on the grounds that the requirements of the nation's security necessitated that action, no objection would be raised by them. They had reason to believe that Japan's reply would also be favourable.

Sir Samuel Hoare expressed appreciation of the sympathetic and helpful attitude adopted by the United States and Japan.

Reuter learns that the over-age cruisers that are being retained are the Cardiff and Ceres, which were completed in 1917, and the Caledon, Caluso and Caradoc.—*Reuter.*

PAN-AMERICAN PEACE CONFERENCE

Unexpected Discussion

Buenos Aires, To-day.
The Pan-American Peace Conference took on a new aspect yesterday when moves towards clarifying and unifying the direction of the economic policy on the American continent were unexpectedly discussed.—*Reuter.*

NEGOTIATIONS ARE RE-OPENED

GEN. CHIANG SENT TO NANKING

MR. SHAO'S DEATH DENIED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Hearing that General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, is leading an immediate expedition of 150,000 soldiers to crush the rebels, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the revolting general, has sent one of the captives, General Chiang Ting-wen, to Nanking to negotiate for the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

It is learned that General Chiang arrived safely at Loyang by air yesterday afternoon, and that he is flying to the capital to-day, carrying with him a letter in the Generalissimo's own hand-writing and the terms of the revolting general. It will be remembered that before his capture General Chiang was the Pacification Commissioner for Fukien Province, and that he was recently appointed Commander-in-Chief of Bandit Suppression in North-western China in place of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, who is going to be re-appointed Commander of Bandit Suppression on the Fukien-Chekiang-Kiangsi frontiers, a neighbourhood that the rebels do not wish to station.

The revolting general, in a cable to Nanking, denies the death of Mr. Shao Yuan-chung, former chief of the Central Publicity Council, saying that Mr. Shao is now in a hospital in Sian. It is also stated that Mr. T. V. Soong has received a cable from the revolting general, requesting the former to go to Sian at once to negotiate with him for the release of the Generalissimo.

Shanghai: Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and General Yang Hu-cheng have proclaimed themselves chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Military Affairs Commission for the North-west, according to the Chinese press.

This means that until the rebellion is crushed there will be a separate military government in Shensi, and perhaps Kentsu. Meanwhile General Ho Ying-ching has circularised the country announcing his assumption of duties as Commander-in-Chief of the punitive expedition against the rebels.

He will be aided by Generals Liu Chih, Pacification Commissioner of Honan and Anhwei, and Kut Su-tung, Pacification Commissioner of Kweichow and Yunnan, as field commanders of the eastern and western route armies, respectively.—*Reuter.*

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Rebels Surrounded

Canton: It is reported that Sian, the base of the rebels, is at present surrounded by Government troops from the south, east and west of the city. General Ho Ying-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the troops engaged in subduing the revolt, has appointed Generals Liu Chi and Kuo Chuk-tung, respectively as Commanders of the Eastern and Western Army Groups to engage the mutineers.

It comes from semi-official circles that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is objecting to civil war, and that the offensive will be delayed for two or three days to wait for the final decision of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.—*From Our Own Correspondent.*

Soong To Confer With Chang?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the National Economic Council, who arrived here yesterday from Shanghai, may leave for Sian to persuade Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang to release Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the other eight officials.

The rebel leader is reported to have telegraphed Mr. Soong, assuring him of a warm welcome. The two are intimate friends, having much in common with regard to political views.

Reports concerning the activities of Mr. W. H. Donald, European adviser to the Generalissimo, are conflicting. A foreign news agency reported his return here, while another report stated that he was in Sianfu, and then in Loyang. That the Generalissimo is still alive is based on Mr. Donald's report, though why the adviser still remains in Sianfu is not stated.—*Union News.*

BANDITS REPULSED

Canton: It is reported that on Wednesday afternoon, the Mongol-Manchurian bandits invaded Hingwen in the East of Suiyuan Province. The report states that they were driven back to their original positions by the Government troops under the Divisional Commander Tang Yan-pai.—*Our Own Correspondent.*



Sporting Page



BEAR CLAW, STRATHROY & ROSE EVELYN FOR THE CHAMPIONS



R. G. Houniball, above, formerly on Kowloon's left-wing, is now enjoying as great a success on the other wing in partnership with V. White.

SECOND TEST TO-DAY

England Makes One Change

FISHLOCK REPLACES WORTHINGTON

(By "ADEM")

The second Test Match between England and Australia is due to start at Sydney to-day and in view of England's surprise victory in the first Test, this game should arouse even more interest than the first one.

Most people will agree that it is very improbable that England will be able to repeat her smashing victory. There is no denying that Allen and his men thoroughly deserved their win, but, on the other hand, one must not lose sight of the fact that they had all the luck in this particular game. It would have been very interesting to have seen how England would have fared, if McCormick, the Victorian fast bowler, had not met with his injury so early in the game. It will be recalled that he had taken three wickets, including that of the redoubtable Hammond, for only 26 runs, when he was forced to retire, owing to an attack of lumbago, and took no further part in the game.

To make matters worse, Bradman, the Australian skipper, sprained his ankle whilst walking down the pavilion steps and, although he was able to continue, he was dismissed for a "duck" in the second innings. How far his injury affected his batting, we are unable to say.

Only One Change

Despite their smashing defeat and the failures of all their new men, the Australian selectors refused to get panicky, evidently feeling that the conditions had not been altogether fair to their team. The only change is the inclusion of O'Brien in place of the injured W. A. Brown.

Throughout the present tour, Allen has had considerable difficulty in deciding on England's opening batsmen, and it seems that he has not yet solved the problem. He appears to have one good man in Barnett, who made 69 in the first innings and although he only compiled 26 in the second, from all accounts, it was a most valuable effort.

Fishlock's Chance

Allen has now decided to try Fishlock in place of Worthington, although it appears to me that the same team might have done duty a second time.

D. R. Jardine's team, in the last series, played the first match of the series at Sydney and won convincingly by 10 wickets. Of the players who took part in that game who are participating in the present series, Hammond made 112, Leyland 6, Allen 19 and Ames 0. Of the bowlers, Joyce took 6 for 164, Allen 0 for 72, Verity 0 for 50, and Hammond 3 for 71.

On the Australian side, Flanagan scored 26 and 40, McCabe 137, not out and 32, while O'Reilly took

AMR BEY IS STILL WORLD'S BEST WINS SQUASH RACKETS TITLE FOR 5TH TIME DEAR NO MATCH FOR HOLDER

London, November 24.

F. D. AMR BEY once more conclusively proved that he still is far and away the greatest squash rackets player in the world when, at the Bath Club, London, yesterday, he defeated James Dear, the professional champion, in the second match for the open title.

He won by 9-6, 8-10, 9-1, 9-6. In the first match at the R.A.C. a week ago Amr won by 9-7, 7-9, 9-7, 5-9, 9-6. He has been the holder since 1932.

There was never any question of Amr's superiority, and it was quite clear, even though he lost the second game, that he would win. He was as fast as ever, both in stroke play and on his feet, and it was only very occasionally that he was beaten on the sheer merit of his opponent's stroke.

Apart from the beauty of his play, Amr exploited a particularly astute game. Knowing Dear's liking to be well up the court, he frequently drew him up to the front wall and then passed him with a perfect length drive to the backhand corner. In this way, he scored a large proportion of his points.

Into Holder's Hands

Dear is a first-class player of real rackets, and he would have been well advised to have played rackets from the back of the court instead of going up, for thus he delivered himself into Amr's hands. None the less, the professional champion played some wonderful squash and, probably, no other man but the Egyptian would have beaten him.

The game required 34 hands before Amr won it. After 2-11, Amr crept gradually ahead until he was 8-4. Dear played brilliantly to make two points and Amr then went out.

Dear Takes Game

Dear started well in the second game and was soon at 3-0, and later 6-1. Amr made 3 and Dear was 7-4 with a perfect drop from the back of the court, and was himself put out with another good drop. A good run of 4 saw Amr ahead at 8-7. Dear made it 8-11, Amr was put out without scoring, and Dear made the two in the set for the game.

Amr gave the impression that he was trying to see how many he really could give the professional champion, and did not particularly mind whether he lost that game. Colour was lent to this supposition by the next game, in which the holder rapidly went to 6-0. Dear made one point, but Amr then went out, as he liked, Dear foiling the last service.

On Defensive

Amr made 3 in his opening hand in the fourth game, but Dear also made 3. Four blank hands followed, and a beautiful angle by Amr enabled him to lead 4-3. There were then five blank hands. Amr was, as usual with him, increasing the pace, and Dear, though playing pluckily, was almost entirely on the defensive.

The holder was 6-3, one point being won with a perfect half-volley drop, but Dear scored with a fine length shot which, for once in a way, caught Amr out of position. The Egyptian was put out without scoring and Dear drew up to 6-11.

There was now no stopping Amr, who was making the ball cling to the side-walls disconcertingly. He was 7-6. Dear got in only to be put out without scoring, and Amr made the next two points for the game and match, the last with a perfect drop.



G. O. "Gubby" Allen will lead the England team in the second Test match which commences this morning on the famous Sydney ground.

NAVY AND CLUB IN TRIANGULAR RUGBY CLASH

Fine Encounter For To-morrow

ARMY AT PRESENT AT THE BOTTOM

A very interesting Triangular Tournament Rugby encounter should be witnessed on the Club ground to-morrow when the Navy make their second appearance against the Civilian team, following their brilliant win over the Army last Saturday at Sookimpo.

To date there have been two matches played in the series, the Club having beaten the Navy on December 5 by 19 points to 6, and last Saturday the Navy trounced the Army by 11 points to nil.

The Navy have only made one change in their team, E. A. Holland replacing Lt. Woods in the pack. The Club will be fielding the same team which represented them on the last occasion, with the exception of the return of Walkden to the pack.

Governor Attending

The Triangular Tournament match will commence at 4 p.m. and will be preceded by an "A" fifteen match between the Club and an Army side.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, has signified his intention of attending the match, while it is also probable that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief Sir Charles J. Little, will also be present.

Mr. D. W. MacEwen will officiate as Referee in the big game, and Dr. J. A. R. Selby will control the junior encounter.

TABLE TO DATE

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
Navy	1	1	0	0	19
Army	2	1	1	0	17
Club	1	0	1	0	11

Total 4 2 2 0 36 4

The following are the teams:—
Royal Navy: E. R. A. Evans (Hermes); F. O. Weir (Hermes); Lt. Partridge, R.M. (Hermes); Lt. Harvey (Odin); Lt. Small (Hermes); Lt. Eaman (Persens); Lt. Davies (Persens); Surg. Lt. Miles (Hermes); Mac. Davison (Hermes); Mac. Light (Dorsetshire); Lt. Collett (Protons); Lt. Hallifax (Darling); Lt. Hawkins (Oswald) (Capt.) E. A. Holland (Berwick); Lt. Baker (Dorsetshire).

Club XV: J. P. Whitham; K. A. Munro, H.A.D. Bidwell, W. E. Grieve, H. van Laenen; A. H. R. Butcher, J. L. Bomar; K. A. Watson, W. E. Peers, E. P. Humphreys, W. H. Currie, I. H. Bradford, E. O'M. Deane, A. F. Walkden (Capt.) and N. E. Clark.

Club XV: M. H. Curtis; L. Lammert; J. Hutchison; B. J. Gallagher; J. B. Stewart; C. W. Lyle; E. Henderson; W. G. Schabel; G. S. Chambers; D. K. Paul; G. M. Birnie; E. P. Edwards (Capt.); H. W. E. Heath; J. C. Dalziel and T. Swan.

AMATEUR SOCCER TEAM FOR NEW ZEALAND

The F. A. are to send a team of amateur soccer players to New Zealand next year. Mr. C. W. Welford-Brown will be in charge of the party, accompanied by Mr. Tom Thorne, of Millwall. The party will last from April to September.

DOUBLE FINESSE AND LAUGHING BUDDHA FOR DOUBLE

SOLDIER OF CHINA MAY CAUSE UPSET

PONTIAC BAY AND RACING HEART IN AT LOW WEIGHTS

(By "Rapier")

THE curtain will ring down on the 1936 racing season to-morrow, when the Hong Kong Jockey Club hold their final meeting of the year, the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting. All that is needed is fine weather in order to ensure the success of this meeting. I anticipate that the weather will be somewhat cooler, although ideal conditions should prevail, which should serve as added inducement to followers of the turf to turn up in full force.

There are three important events to be contested to-morrow, the annual Autumn Champions, and with the track in its present splendid condition, the racing should be keen with the possibility of fast times being recorded.

After to-morrow we shall be able to announce the Champion Jockey for the year. At the moment, Mr. Don Black stands at the top of the list, and a couple of wins to-morrow will probably be sufficient to give him this coveted distinction. Next to Mr. Black comes Mr. H. C. Pih, the champion during the first half, so that there should be exceptionally keen competition between these two.

It has to be remembered that in connection with the three Champions events, post entries are expected, so that it is difficult to say with any degree of certainty as to the likely contestants in the respective races. My comments are, therefore, based on the possibility that the ponies named are expected to participate.

DECEMBER HANDICAP—ONE MILE

The first race of the day will be contested by China ponies that have started in at least four Extra Race Meetings during 1936, with the stipulation that winners of \$2,250 or more in stakes since January 1, 1936, and ponies classified "A" Class, are barred. Wild Life, which will have Mr. L. G. Frost as the pilot, has been given top-weight. This pony has not done anything remarkable in any of its outings since its return to racing—in fact it has been unplaced in every race, and yet it has been given the colossal burden of 168 lbs. to carry! Wild Life was never an "A" Class pony, and I doubt whether it has a ghost of a chance of coming in among the first three in this event.

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F.A. CUP RESULTS

Exeter And Walsall In Third Round

London, To-day.

The Second Round F.A. Cup match between Walthamstove Avenue and Exeter, which was abandoned last Saturday after 65 minutes owing to fog, when the score stood at one goal all, was replayed yesterday and resulted in a win for the latter by 3 goals to 2.

Exeter will now meet Oldham at home in the Third Round, which will take place on January 16.

In a Second Round replay, Walsall beat Yeovil and Peters by the only goal of the match, after they had shared two goals last Saturday. The winners will now meet Barnsley at home in the Third Round.—Reuter.

RUGBY WIN FOR DARK BLUES

London, To-day.—In the only major friendly Rugby encounter played yesterday, Oxford University beat Dublin Wanderers by 19 points to 6.—Reuter.



U. B. Souza, above, is the Colony's potential hockey goalkeeper for the forthcoming Inter-port match against Macao.

FOOTBALL LAWS QUALIFIED

Local Referees Ask For Home Ruling

We are grateful to Mr. D. Kossick, Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Referees' Association, for the following information concerning questions raised at the meetings of the Referees and referred to their parent body, in England, for settlement.

Question 1. After the referee has entered the field of play but before he has blown his whistle for the game to start, a player is guilty of misconduct. Has the referee the power to order the said player off the field and so prevent him from taking part in the match?

Decision. The referee has not the power to order off under these circumstances. He must report the incident to the Football Association.

Question 2. What is the correct decision in the event of a player, who, in taking a goal-kick, kicks the ground and as the ball moves slowly away, kicks it a second time, within the penalty area?

Decision. The kick must be taken again as the ball has not been kicked as under Law 7.

The second question was also made to the Football Association, who gave the same ruling.

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON RECREIO TEAMS ENGAGED

LAST MATCHES BEFORE JANUARY 8

Only two fixtures in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League will be decided to-night, the Free Lancers entertaining Recreio "B" at King's Park, and Recreio "A" visiting St. John's Club. The Chinese Recreation Club will not be playing.

St. John's, who have secured only five games out of the 36 played during their four previous matches, will stand little chance against their visitors, who will probably return home with all nine games.

A keen struggle will be seen between Recreio "B", who have so far won only one match out of three, and the Free Lancers, who have lost only one match in the same number of games.

After to-night's matches, no further Mixed Doubles fixtures will be played off until January 8 next, when the University combination, who have hitherto not yet been seen on the court, will be hosts to Recreio "A".

TO-NIGHT'S MATCHES
Free Lancers v Recreio "B"
St. John's v Recreio "A"

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS MUST BE FORMED

Nanking, December 10. Lending official support to the mass physical education programme, the National Government, in an edict issued to-day, instructed all local authorities to set up athletic associations in accordance with regulations formulated by the Mass Training Department of the Central Government.—Central News.

F.A. CUP ODDS OFFERED IN MIDLANDS

Arsenal Huddersfield And Derby Favourites

London, November 24.—The following odds on the F.A. Cup are offered by a Midlands bookmaker, who has laid Newcastle United to lose upwards of £2,000.

14-1 Arsenal, Derby and Huddersfield.

16-1 Sunderland, Portsmouth, Brentford.

20-1 Everton, Grimsby, Stoke.

25-1 Birmingham, Preston, Manchester City.

28-1 Charlton, Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle, West Bromwich, Middlesbrough, Liverpool.

33-1 Wolves, Bolton, Leeds, Aston Villa, Manchester United.

40-1 Bury, Blackpool.

50-1 Sheffield United, Plymouth.

66-1 Coventry, Fulham, Spurs, West Ham, Blackburn, Leicester.

Others are quoted from 100-1 to 10,000-1.

LYNCH v. MONTANA FIGHT DATE

World Classic Bout On January 19

The fight for the world fly-weight title between Benny Lynch (Glasgow), holder, and Small Montana (America) will take place at Wembley Empire Pool on Tuesday, January 19.

This announcement was made by the Wembley authorities last night after Lynch had signed his contract for the contest.

Montana's contract was forwarded some days ago to New York, and is probably on the way back," stated Mr. H. W. David, of Wembley. Everything is now in order.

CAMBRIDGE BLUES AWARDED

P. B. Lucas, the Cambridge Golf captain, has awarded Blues to S. Dalley (Hamilton, Ontario, and Emmanuel) and Gordon Dixon (Eton and Magdalen). Only two places remain to be filled in the side to meet Oxford in the Varsity match in March.

DEWAR'S

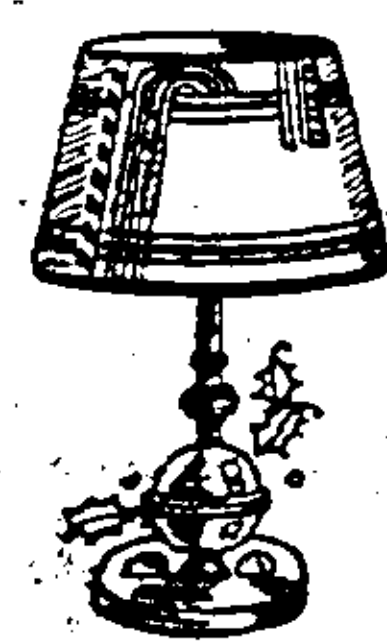
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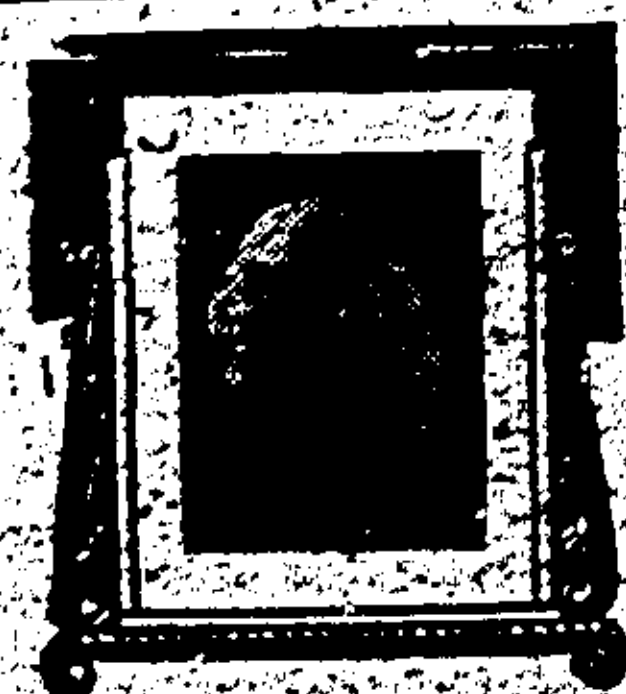


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Safer Motherhood

Many efforts in diverse directions are being made to reduce the toll which childbirth takes from mothers. That they are meeting with encouraging success was shown at the Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare at Liverpool when Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, said that motherhood was safer in England than in any other country except perhaps Holland. The mortality for 1935 was 4.10 per 1,000 live births, the lowest figure since 1925. It is well to remember, however, that the Minister for Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, in moving the Midwives Bill said that though expenditure on maternal and childhood welfare had increased from £2,000,000 to £3,000,000 a year, the rate of mortality had not been "substantially reduced." No efforts can be slackened while 3,000 mothers die in childbirth every year.

It is notorious that the vast majority of these are the victims of ante-natal neglect, ignorance, and bad home conditions which are aggravated by malnutrition and poverty. The main hope for improvement, said Mr. Shakespeare, lies in the education and instruction of mothers through maternity and child welfare centres, and perhaps next to this in importance is a fully adequate supply of trained midwives and maternity nurses. The midwife, Dame Janet Heseltine contended, is "the first essential for sound treatment whether or not the mother is attended by a doctor." Hence the supreme importance of the Salaried Midwives Bill.

Readers' Wander Years

On the evidence of a librarian, Mr. Savage, of Edinburgh, this generation of film-fans and hikers is, after all, not indifferent to literature. Yet here, too, the contemporary disrespect for authority reveals itself. Modern youth neither obeys nor disobeys, advice, but goes its own way and has its reward. From 16 to 30 it "passes through" "wander-years" of literature, sampling this and that until its taste is somehow formed.

On the whole this is a healthy sign. Miscellaneous browsing may lead to some initial neglect of the great masters, but it must stimulate and develop the critical faculty. It is on this, Mr. Savage thinks, that the librarian should rely. Leave the young reader alone with the classics attractively produced and he will realise their value for himself.

Your Daily Smile!

Son: "I failed in everything except Greek."
Dad: "How did it happen that you didn't fail in that also?"
Son: "I didn't take it."

Tea for Two.
A strange item of news I read the other day was the marriage of Miss Broad to a Mr. Butcher.

After you have toasted the bride, you can have three guesses at the best man's name.

Was it Mr. Jamin? It was not.
Was it Mr. Haman? It certainly wasn't.

Maybe Mr. Chasemann? No! All wrong, you poor mites. The best man was called Mr. Smith.

Ah! ah! ah!
She missed him badly.
Because she missed her sweetest really during his frequently snip-

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

For keeping an unregistered mistress, Li Wang-ung, aged 32, a married woman was this morning fined \$100, or in default, six weeks' imprisonment by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy.

The Civil Service Cricket Club announces that no Whist Drive will be held on Thursday next, Christmas Eve. There will be a Whist Drive to-morrow, however, at which special Christmas prizes will be distributed, and it is hoped to commence promptly at 9.20 p.m.

Word has been received that the local Peruvian Consul, Mr. Manuel Rivera Iglesias, has been transferred to Arica, Chile. Mr. Rivera Iglesias will probably stay in the Colony for a few weeks more, pending the arrival of his successor.

The University Christian Association will give a carol concert in the Great Hall of the University at 9 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Mihal Ivanovitch Skopecenko, aged 49, Fiodr Nikolovitch Igoueff, aged 55, Alexis Vassilievitch, aged 24, and Irene Marinovna Kosachenko, aged 48, were, this morning, charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy with entering the Colony without proper passports and had expulsion orders made against them. Detective-Sergeant Russell said that defendants were found sleeping in Chatham Road on a piece of waste land.

The Royal Engineers' Old Comrades Association announce that they will hold a Carnival dance in the Peninsula Hotel, on Saturday, December 28. Music will be by the Band of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers, (by kind permission of Major L.A.A. Alston, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers.) and dancing will be in both the Rose Room and the Roof garden and will be from 8.45 p.m. until 2 a.m. Fancy Dress will be optional, and prizes will be given for costumes showing originality etc. Dress for those not in fancy dress will be optional.

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EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Highest Coastal Elevation South Of Maine

TOAD Hill in Staten Island, 430 feet high, is the highest natural elevation of land in the city of New York and at the same time the highest point on the Atlantic coast, south of Maine. The Hill rises from the Richmond Road and overlooks New Dorp and the Moravian cemetery where the Vanderbilts are buried.

on absences from home, Louisette Lefevre, a Paris girl, decided to end the tortures of jealousy. She fired three shots at him and, thinking him dead, gave herself up to the police. But when the police investigated they found Louisette's lover still alive. She had missed him badly.

Here There and Everywhere

CLEMENT SERJEANT-AT-ARMS

Detention until the rising of the House is the normal punishment for such interrupters as the man who recently threw a bunch of leaflets from the public gallery while the Commons were debating the Government of India Order.

Only if there is a violent scene, or damage done, will a charge be brought forward at Cannon-row.

Detention in the House takes a mild form. The interrupter is led to a police room, where he can, if he wishes, spend the evening reading a book or a newspaper in comparative comfort.

It is an unlucky interrupter who chooses an evening when the House has an all-night sitting. The Serjeant-at-Arms can be merciful, however, and detention rarely lasts after midnight.

HUNTING LIFE GUARDSMAN

Lt-Col. H. C. S. Ashton, who was killed while out with the Belvoir last month, had for the past 30 years hunted from Melton, where he was universally known as "Sam" Ashton.

He established this long record without any break—except for the war period—owing to his soldiering being in the Life Guards.

He went to France with the Composite Household Brigade and was taken prisoner in the disaster which overtook them early in the war.

After he got command of the 2nd Life Guards, in June, 1921, his regiment in the following year ceased to exist as a separate unit. Col. Ashton, however, was able to complete his normal four years as C.O. of the Life Guards, as the two regiments became an amalgamation.

In the off season Col. Ashton turned his attention to other sports, his more recent experiences including trawling fishing in the South Seas and gorilla "hunting" in the Belgian Congo.

DIVORCE BILL PROTEST

Speaking at a church meeting at Staines, last month, Mrs. Akers, London Diocesan Secretary to the Mothers' Union, declared: "We shall oppose the divorce bill to be presented before Parliament because it does not coincide with the conditions of our Royal charter. It will mean cheap and easy divorce and the break-up of our home life."

FRANTIC SEARCHES FOR GOLD

GIRL'S QUEST RECALLS OTHER VENTURES

LOST MINES IN PACIFIC COAST REGIONS OF AMERICA

THE treasure hunt conducted in the mountain country around Nevada City, California, by 16-year-old Jean Kuster of San Francisco has set old prospector's tongues wagging all along the Mother Lode on a subject of which they never tire—lost bonanzas and hidden treasure.

The objective of young Miss Kuster is a spot pointed out to her several years ago by her grandfather, Jefferson A. Casserly, a miner who died recently and named her his heir.

"Remember this spot, child, it will make you rich," Casserly was quoted as saying. And in support of his promise, he left a legacy in his strongbox for Jean—a single gold nugget worth \$5,000.

Many Tell Yarns

But whatever the girl may uncover at the mysterious site can be no more dazzling or romantic than the other lost caches of gold with which legend so liberally endows the Southwest.

Several hundred miles south of Nevada City, another woman treasure hunter, Rose White, pursued a long and fruitless quest for the lost Padre mine. She received the secret from E. H. "Doc" Bragg, a friend of her father, as he lay dying. Bragg claimed to have bought the mine from Indians and to have taken out \$300,000 in gold before he was driven away by an early day racketeer.

More widely known is the Breyfogle mine, on the rim of Death valley. Breyfogle, sole survivor of a prospecting party that tried to cross the valley in 1862, found the lode while wandering about half crazed by thirst. The ore samples he carried back to civilization made mining men gasp. All

bill to be presented before Parliament because it does not coincide with the conditions of our Royal charter. It will mean cheap and easy divorce and the break-up of our home life."

Lost Dutchman's Mine

Possibly, America's No. 1 lost mine is the famous Dutchman, in Superstition mountains, east of Phoenix, Arizona. It has frequently been in the news in recent years through tragedy befalling persons who set out to look for it.

Discovered by a fugitive Mexican in 1848, it was mined for a time by Miguel Peralta, a rich Sonora land owner. His last expedition to the spot was nearly wiped out by Indians. The story runs that only two boys survived and that they were working the ill-starred vein years later when shot to death.

Each year the Dons' Club, a Phoenix service organization, stages a "search" for the lost Dutchman in which hundreds of persons participate.

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LIBEL ACTION CONCLUDED

Damages Awarded

The libel action brought by Leung Kam-hoo, of 239 Tai Nam Street, third floor, against the *Tai Chung Yat Po*, was concluded at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden gave judgment for plaintiff, with costs.

Plaintiff, who was formerly employed by the defendants as a sports writer, alleged that he had been libelled by the following notice published in the paper: "Notice by this paper. Leung Kam-hoo, alias Siu Nang, sport news correspondent of this paper, is dismissed on account of a certain matter. Anything that person may do hereafter shall have nothing to do with this paper." He claimed \$954 as damages, but was awarded \$200.

He also claimed \$30 as one month's wages in lieu of notice, and \$6 as one month's food allowance, but these claims were withdrawn towards the end of the case by his solicitor, Mr. F. I. Zimmerman, upon a personal undertaking given by the solicitor for the defendants, Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, who intimated that he would appeal against the judgment in connection with the libel action.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings are announced by Mr. Hugo Marcus dos Remedios, attached to the staff of Messrs. James H. Backhouse, Limited, and residing at No. 4, Salisbury Avenue, and Miss Alda Maria de Lours Britto, stenographer of Messrs. David Sassoon and Company, Limited, residing at No. 33, Bankow Road, Kowloon; and of Mr. Mariano Maria da Silva, of No. 6, (top floor) Granville Road, Kowloon, and Miss Celeste Aurelia Osmond, of No. 29, (top floor), Jordan Road, Kowloon.

Radical Socialists To Aid French Government

Paris, To-day.—The executive committee of the Radical Socialist party, which met on Thursday, passed a resolution approving the policy that is being carried out by the Government and advocating still closer relations with other democracies and "peaceful States." The main speech was made by the War Minister, M. Daladier, who is also vice-chairman of the Party. He emphasised the necessity of international peace and a strong defence force. In discussing the strength of the French military organisation, he confined himself to the active service branches, but did not mention the considerable number of reserves in all departments of the Army. In conclusion, the speaker emphasised his satisfaction at the friendly state of relations with Soviet Russia. —Trans-Ocean Service.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE RE-OPENED

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AIRPORT TAKEN OVER
Hankow: Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's airport in Wu-chang, where students learn to fly, etc., has been taken over by the Government troops who, however, allowed the foreign staff, including the pilot Julius Barr, to leave, but who have arrested all the Chinese ground staff and students for precautionary reasons.

These students, however, are strongly in favour of the Generalissimo and Barr has telegraphed to Madame Chiang, urging that steps be taken to secure their release.—Reuter.

Sianfu To Be Taken To-day?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Nanking, To-day.

The National Government has appointed Generals Liu Chih and Ku Chu-tung as commanders of the respective east and the west flank forces now on their way to attack Sianfu, headquarters of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the insurgent leader.

Nanking divisions have reached the western regions of Honan and have orders to capture Sianfu to-day, although so far only skirmishes have taken place near Tungkuang, on the Honan-Shensi borders.

Despite reports to the contrary, there is no indication that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang will give up the revolt at this stage.—Union News.

Mongol Irregulars In Trouble

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Nanking, To-day.

Kueihua: Fighting is breaking out again at Hungkeheru, in Eastern Suiyuan, between the provincial forces and the Mongol irregulars. Large numbers of irregulars have concentrated at Shantu and Changpei, in Chahar, ready to pour into the eastern Suiyuan sectors.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's revolt is being utilised by the Mongols as an opportunity to renew the attack, as no further reinforcements to Suiyuan are available at present owing to the mobilisation of troops to suppress the Shensi revolt.

The enemy has abandoned their attempt to recover Pailingmiao and Tamiao in North Suiyuan for the time being, and the main danger now is on the eastern front.—Union News.

NO FOOD EXPORTS FROM KWANGTUNG

Canton, To-day.—The Kwangtung Provincial Government has prohibited the export of food supplies from the province and offenders are subject to heavy punishments.—Our Own Correspondent.

OLD JOBS FOR ARMY RESERVISTS

Sir T. Inskip's Appeal

Every effort is being made by the authorities to get back to their jobs those of the 3,000 Class A Reservists who were in employment when they were called up for service in Palestine on September 4. Special appeals to employers have already been made by Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, and others. As the men have been away little more than two months it is hoped that the majority will find their jobs still open.



Orville Wright, left, co-inventor of the aeroplane, and Henry Ford, right, are here shown during a visit of Mr. Ford to Dayton, Ohio, where he conferred with Wright on the purchase for his museum, of the old bicycle shop where the Wright brothers built their first plane.

War On The Drug Evil

According to local vernacular reports received from Peiping, it is stated that, to show its determination to exterminate all drug evils, including opium and heroin smoking, the Peiping Pacification Headquarters have placed an advanced order for 2,000 coffins, which are to be used for the corpses of drug addicts to be executed, when arrested, commencing from January 1 next.

REBELS START BIG OFFENSIVE

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EXPORTS TO SPAIN
London: New arrangements in consequence of the financial disturbances to Anglo-Spanish trade due to the civil war in Spain were announced by Dr. E. Leslie Burghin, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

He said that the Governments had agreed to a suspension of the clearing procedure under the Anglo-Spanish Payments Agreement and warned traders to exercise caution in arranging exports to Spain.—Reuter.

Appeal For Aid In Evacuation

London: An urgent appeal for an international effort to assist in the civilian evacuation of Madrid has been reinforced by the harrowing details of the city's plight in the report of the All-Party Deputation of members of the British House of Commons who recently investigated the situation in Spain.

By December 1, it is estimated that between one-third and a quarter of the number of houses in Madrid had been destroyed.

The report praises the morale of the civil population and the courage of the Government forces, and goes on to say that innumerable families are destitute, some even without bedding. There is also a serious shortage of food and fuel, and many thousands depend on one free meal a day, while the city is in imminent danger of epidemic and diseases breaking out.

The report records that M. Leon Blum, the French Premier, offered all possible French co-operation in the humane work and adds that it will be of great benefit if this agreement is spread further so that the nations who boast that they alone are disciplined, may realise that democracy in the long run may be able to speak as solidly.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRESS VIEWS

London: The announcement made by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday of the circumstances in which Italy had given explicit assurances that the Italian Government had not either before or since the revolution in Spain, engaged in any negotiations with General Franco whereby the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be altered, nor would they engage in any such negotiations in the future, is welcomed by the press.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that we are bound to accept, as sincere, any assurances that are so categorical, and they are more credible in themselves because any such serious alteration of the Mediterranean position would be a grave step.

A stern warning was recently given to all opium and drug addicts that they abolish their undesirable habits, by the end of this year at the latest, and that no mercy will be shown to any person found indulging in or having connection with drugs.

It will be recalled that about a month ago the Kwangtung Provincial authorities also issued stern warnings to opium and heroin drug addicts to cure themselves from their evil habits by the end of this year, decreeing that as from the beginning of next year, penalties, ranging from life imprisonment to death, would be imposed on those found guilty of having any connection with the mentioned drugs.

no less unwelcome to France than to Great Britain.

The moment for Mr. Eden's statement is well-timed because Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador to Italy, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have reached what is believed to be a very favourable point in their negotiations for general Anglo-Italian accord on the Mediterranean policy on the existing basis, which is also earnestly desired by the smaller power in the eastern waters of that sea.

The success of the negotiations would almost certainly be assured and its achievement quickened if only the Spanish imbroglio could be cleared up, or, failing that, happy result, if all the Powers which have supported non-intervention in principle would take more drastic steps to impose non-intervention on their Nations in fact.—British Wireless Service.

Agreement Suspended Temporarily

London: The operation of the Anglo-Spanish Clearing Agreement of January 6 will be temporarily suspended in accordance with the mutual desire of both Governments, declared the Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade in the House of Commons yesterday.

Payment for Spanish commodities imported into England will, according to the new Ordinance, not be handled by the Anglo-Spanish Clearing House as from to-morrow. On the other hand the Customs authorities must continue to be notified of such imports. The proceeds from imported goods from Spain will be devoted to the furtherance of exports to that country.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Italian Comment On Anthony Eden's Speech

Rome, To-day.—Press comments on Mr. Anthony Eden's speech in the House of Commons on Wednesday are marked by great moderation and reserve. In spite of the fact that the British Foreign Minister made it clear that Britain does not intend to recognise the Italian regime in Abyssinia as *de jure* government of that country.

The newspapers point out that Britain, although withholding formal recognition, has evidently made up her mind to accept the existing situation. The fact that British representation in Addis Ababa has been transformed into a Consulate-General and the pro-

WANTED TO RACE TO DYING FATHER

Midnight Phone-Caller

GARAGE MANAGE TRICKED

It was midnight. The phone bell rang in a Dorchester garage. The garage manager answered and listened to a man's voice. Then he took out a car, to pick up the man who had spoken.

He met the man, who said he wanted a car in which to drive himself to London.

He said that his father was lying seriously ill, and was not expected to live. He must get there with all speed.

He had no cash with him, but he would make out a cheque—and put on £2 extra to pay for the trouble he was causing at that time of night.

As he made out a cheque, on a piece of plain paper, he asked for the loan of £1. He was given the loan, and he included the amount in the cheque.

The cheque was later returned, marked "No account."

The garage manager, John Free, told the story at Dorchester Police Court last month.

Leslie F. Collier, aged 23, tall, fashionably dressed, was remanded in custody on a charge of obtaining £1 by false pretences.

"WRINGING NECK OF MOTORIST"

Counsel's Protest

"Wringing the motorist's neck" was an expression used by Mr. John Maude before the Middlesex Sessions "Appeal Committee" last month, when Sidney Charles Scammel, a motor-car salesman, of Tenterden-drive, Hendon, appealed against a conviction at Wealdstone for exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

Scammel had fined £10 and disqualified for 12 months. His appeal was dismissed, but the disqualification was reduced to six months.

Mr. Maude, who, appeared for Scammel, stated that the disqualification meant that he was completely out of employment.

"It is not by suddenly pouncing on a motorist and wringing his neck like that," added Mr. Maude, "that you are going to get co-operation. You are not going to force motorists to behave in that way."

MOTOR SHIP ORDERED

Amsterdam, To-day.—The Verreigde Nederlandsche Scheepvaart Nij has placed an order with the Schieken Yard in Danzig for the construction of a 10,000 ton motor ship. The new vessel, which will have a minimum speed of 16 knots, will be placed in the Holland-Australia service in 1938.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FORGED £1 NOTES CHARGE

William Reynolds, 65, a clerk, of Bryantwood-road, Islington, was remanded in custody for a week at North London last month, charged with being in possession of forged Bank of England notes. It was stated that when Reynolds was searched at the police station five forged £1 notes and one forged 10s note were found on him.

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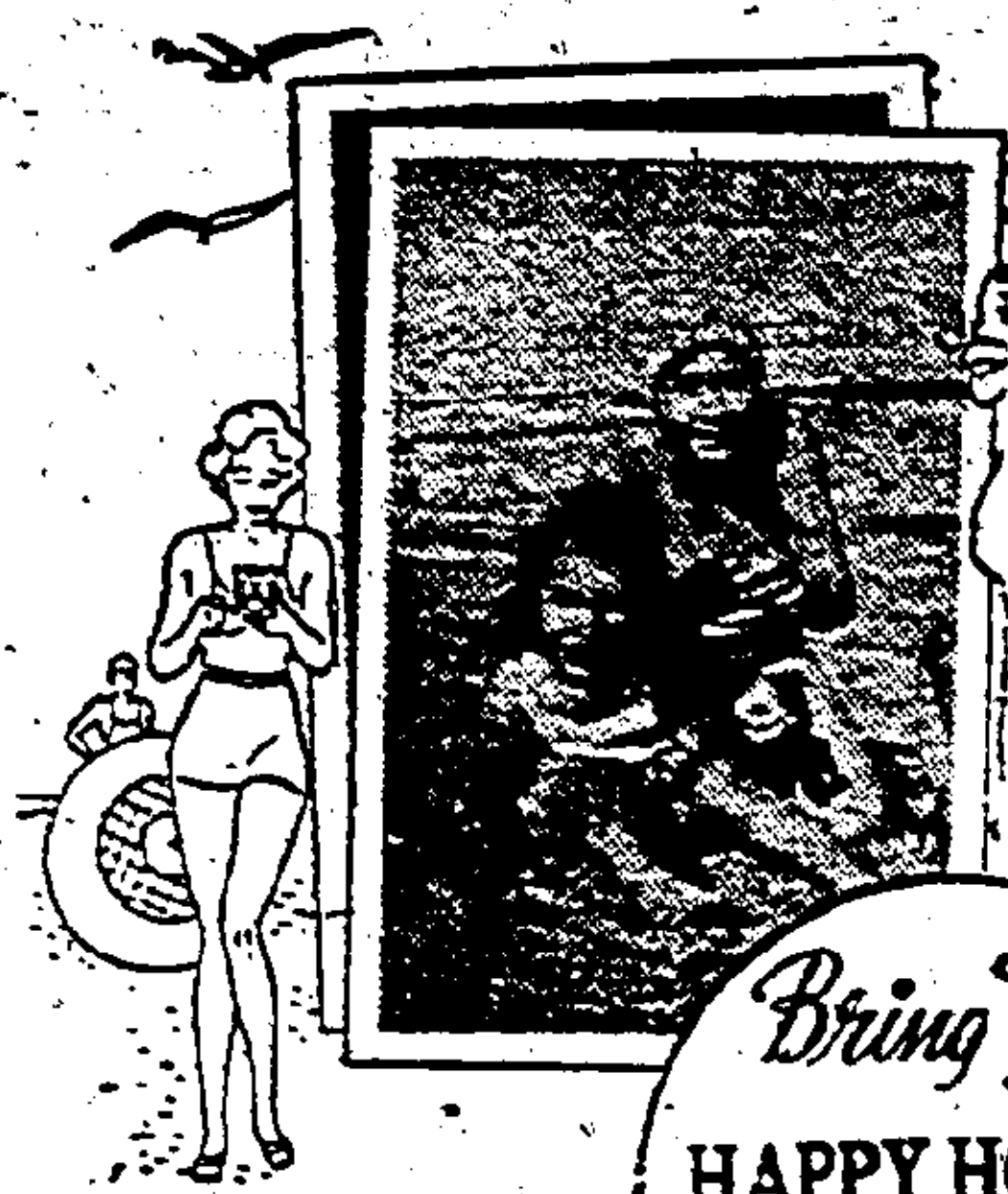
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HOME FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children held at the Helena May Institute yesterday, Mr. G. P. de Martin announced the gift, by an anonymous donor, of a home at Cheung Chan for destitute, blind and crippled children. Mr. de Martin stated that the Governor-in-Council had consented to the gift.

The occasion was taken during the meeting to present a bound volume of the annual reports of the Society to Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, who is to leave the Colony shortly on retirement. The Chairman of the meeting was His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, Patron of the Society. Others present on the dais were Lady Caldecott, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow (President), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall (Vice-President), Mr. F. H. Loseby (Honorary Director), Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Lady MacGregor, Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, and Mrs. P. E. Barker (Honorary General Secretary).

Others at the meeting included Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Justice J. Hayden, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. W. Schofield, Chev. J. M. Alves, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Rev. H. W. Baines, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Mr. A. el Arenlli, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. L. D. Skinner, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Mrs. S. V. Boxer and Mr. A. McKellar (Honorary Treasurer).

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, in a brief speech, extended welcome to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Caldecott, while he also paid a tribute to the good work done for the Society by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, who will shortly be leaving on retirement.

Governor's Speech

In addressing the meeting, His Excellency the Governor said: "I am very grateful for the President's kind words of welcome. In reply I can only say that there is no gathering which my wife and I could attend with greater pleasure, sympathy and interest than the annual meeting of this Society for the Protection of Children. The world of to-day seems to be the forest of problems that are

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Christmas Treat At
The Peninsula

Many hundreds of Hong Kong school children thoroughly enjoyed a grand Christmas party given for them at the Peninsula Hotel, yesterday afternoon.

The children all appeared in the most varied and beautiful fancy dress costumes and, at 5 p.m., there was a Grand Parade to choose the winning costumes.

The judges were Mrs. Wallington, the Rev. C. E. S. Updell, Headmaster of the Central British School, and Mr. A. K. Dimond, manager of the Peninsula Hotel.

Prize Winners
The prize-winners were:— Handsomest Girl—Audrey Nash (Mary Queen of Scots); Funniest Girl—Mary Anderson (Hula-hula); Most Original Girl—Marion Howard (MacLean's Tooth Paste).

Best Dressed Boy—Desmond Mansell (Musketeer); Most Original Boy—Kenneth Meffan (Scarecrow); Funniest Boy—Reginald Martin (Teacher's Whisk).

Mrs. B. Wylie presented the prizes to the lucky winners.

At 6 p.m., a play, "Make Believe," produced by Mrs. Raymond Smith, was given as entertainment for the children. The actors and actresses included some of the pupils of the Central British School and former pupils of the same school.

that I want to say before sitting down. As the President has told you our agenda this afternoon unfortunately includes a farewell presentation. During the past year I have heard much, read much of local social service. The little heaven that leaveneth the lump is never in itself a very noticeable constituent; it silently permeates and activates the whole without any display or even perhaps disclosure of individuality. Now I am quite certain from what I have heard, read and seen that I am not wrong in likening Mr. Hazlerigg to the little heaven, and that his has been the basic energizing influence and agency in this and many other philanthropic enterprises in Hong Kong.

Thanks Returned

"I know that he loathes publicity of any sort and that he may feel embarrassed by our references to him this afternoon. Nevertheless as Patron of this Society and Governor of this Colony I must and I do publicly thank him for services which will not only live long in our personal memories but have a permanent monument in the betterment of conditions for the children of Hong Kong. Last night I desire to thank all who have worked for, and all who have given to, this Society during the past year. When Christmas comes let us all have ears to hear, and so listen to the call of the Master across the centuries.

"Whoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall moved the adoption of the report and accounts and it was when he rose to second the motion that Mr. de Martin made his announced reference to above.

Officers for Year

Sir Henry Pollock moved and Dr. S. W. Tso seconded that the President, Vice-Presidents, General Committee, Executive Committee, Director, Treasurers, Secretary and Branch Secretaries named in the report be elected, and the names of officers designate there be substituted for the names of officers relinquishing offices, and also that the names of the Chief Justice (Sir Atholl MacGregor), who had consented to become one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. M. Noronha, and Mr. Chan Heng-pak be added to the Executive Committee.

This was unanimously agreed to.

On the proposition of Sir Shou-son Chow, seconded by Dr. Kotewall, Sir William Peel, Lady Southern and Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg were elected Vice-Presidents of the Society.

His Excellency then made the presentation to Mr. Hazlerigg, who expressed his thanks and said he would always follow the activities of the Society with interest.



A charming bolero frock, worn by Anita Louise, screen star. The skirt and jacket are of bright navy wool, and the waist length blouse is of pale yellow challis, scattered with tiny clusters of red and blue flowers.

THE TOLL OF THE ROAD

Weekly Accidents
Return

ONE PEDESTRIAN KILLED

In the Colony of Hong Kong, including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, there were altogether 49 traffic accidents, as the result of which 1 person was killed and 19 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male, died as the result of injuries received when he was knocked down by a public motor car whilst running across the road.

Of the persons injured, 11 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles. One bus passenger and three tramcar passengers were injured whilst alighting from a moving motor bus and moving tramcars respectively.

21 Private Cars Involved

One bicyclist was injured through falling from his vehicle whilst in motion, and one rickshaw driver, one cyclist and a motor cycle driver were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Of the 49 accidents, 20 were collisions between vehicles, 15 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians, and 19 accidents were due to other causes. The type of vehicles involved in the 49 accidents are given below, with the number of accidents in brackets:

Private Motor Car (21); Motor Lorry (12); Public Motor Car (4); Motor Bus (2); Motor Cycle (3); Tramcar (6); and Bicycle (1).

Eve And The Apple.

If Eve had not eaten the apple in the Garden of Eden, we are told, the world would not have got into the middle it is in to-day. If people generally were more careful in the matter of diet, there would be no cause for much of the present day suffering from digestive troubles. If you have eaten unhealthily, or if your liver or intestinal tract is out of order, Pinettes are the simplest and speediest corrective. These delicate laxatives gently, but surely, dispel constipation, stimulate the liver, banish bilious attacks and sick headaches, restore cheerfulness and a general sense of well-being. As a corrective of all ailments arising from indigestion, and to relieve all flatulency, gas, and to induce sleep, Pinettes are perfection of cleanse every part.

WEDDING BELLS

Lady Hockey Player
Married

GEORGE—STEPHENS

A charming wedding took place at the St. Andrew's Church yesterday when Miss Winifred Moyra George, the "Y" Ladies' first team hockey goalkeeper, became the bride of Mr. Leslie George Stephens.

The bride was given away by her father, the Rev. J. R. Hicks officiating.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. George, of 7, Linden Avenue, Kowloon, while the bridegroom is the youngest son of the late Mr. J. T. Stephens and Mrs. A. Stephens of Crowndale Bungalow, near Newton Abbot, Devon.

The bride's wedding gown of ivory satin was made with a graceful train and her long embroidered tulle veil was caught to her head with a spray of orange blossom. Her bouquet was formed of cream-tinted chrysanthemums.

The bride's twin sister, Miss M. George, chose a mauve moire taffeta gown and carried mauve chrysanthemums.

The bride's nieces, Kathleen Moira Patey and Rosemary Ann Read, looked sweet in pale green moire taffeta dresses.

Mrs. George, the bride's mother, wore a rose satin gown. Mr. J. M. Boyd was best man.

A reception was later held at the bride's mother's residence. Mrs. Stephens wore a blue satin dress on leaving the reception.

UNION CHURCH WEDDING

Hayward—Himsworth
RECEPTION AT GLOUCESTER

The wedding took place at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, yesterday between Miss Norah Himsworth, second daughter of the late Mr. H. J. S. Himsworth and Mrs. Himsworth, of Carlisle, England, and Flying Officer Frederick Charles Hayward, R.A.F. Chartered Accountant.

The Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow performed the ceremony.

The bride was given away in marriage by her brother, Mr. Eric Himsworth, the Kowloon Magistrate. Her gown of Brussels lace was worn with a long coat of the same lace. The coat had tight fitting sleeves, wired revers and fell away into a long train. The bride also wore a halo of tucked net held at the back with orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of arm lilies.

The bride's gown, trousseau and going-away ensemble and the bridesmaids' gowns were from Paul Bonnet et Cie.

As bridesmaids, the Misses Aimee Steele and Rosemary Skin were gowned in deep coral crepe. The dresses had tunic jackets of the same crepe with gold-lame revers and gauntlet cuffs. Their halo hats were of gold and had tiny eye veils. They carried shaded gladioli.

Matron Of Honour
Mrs. Dalzell, mother of Squadron Leader Dalzell, Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Station at Kai Tak, was Matron of Honour, and wore a pinky beige cloque with deep mulberry hat. Her carriage was of sweet peas. Flight Lt. R. S. Ryan was the best man.

A reception followed at the Gloucester Hotel, where friends of the couple gathered to toast their future happiness before they left for their honeymoon in French Indo-China. Mrs. Hayward left in a French model dress and short jacket of wine crepe worn under a fur coat, the gift of the bridegroom. The outfit was set with a wine-coloured hat and brown accessories.

CARNIVAL DANCE

Enjoyable Function
At St. Andrew's

A most enjoyable function was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall last night when St. Andrew's Club held their annual Christmas Carnival Dance. A spirit of jollity was much in evidence, all who attended voting it a most successful evening.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. E. F. Fincher, who also acted as M.C. and additional entertainment was provided by the pupils of Miss Violet



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station ZBW, on a wavelength of 855 metres, (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres, (9.52 megacycles).

SECOND TEST CRICKET MATCH FROM LONDON.

CLASSICAL PROGRAMME.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Song—
Cuckoo in the wood. Friedl Lusser (tenor).

Orchestra—
"Follow the Fleet"—Selection, Arton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Song—
There's magic in the air, Lillian Harvey (Soprano).

Orchestra—
Romance in moonlight, Alfredo Campoli and his Orchestra.

Song—
Mary Rose, Gracie Fields.

Orchestra—
Black Eyes, Maurice Igor and his Nomad Orchestra.

Piano Solo—
Piano Medley, No. 19, Charlie Kunz.

Humorous—
Tap your tootsies, Jack Hulbert.

Orchestra—
Round a Gipsy Camp Fire, Mantovani and his Tropic Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.45 p.m.—Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
La Boheme—Fantasia (Puccini, arr. Tavan).

I want your heart (Haydn Wood).
Gipsy Moon (Borganoff).
Bird songs at eventide (Eric Costes).
I bring a love song (Romberg).

Cuban Serenade (Midgley).
Marmesha (de Lenz).

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Richard Crooks (tenor).
Robertson (bass-baritone) and Renee Chemet (Violin).

Tenor Solo—
Kathleen Marvonneen (Crawford).
Violin Solos—
Serenade (Toselli).
Serenade (Pierne).

Baritone Solo—
Bright is the ring of words (Williams).

Tenor Solos—
Springtime (Bottet & Juman).
My amiable is you (Stolz).

Baritone Solos—
In Summer-time on Breton (Peel).
Sea Fever (Ireland).

8.30 p.m.—London—B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m.—London—The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the Opening Day's Play, by Alan Kippax. From Sinner (Electrical Recording).

9.35 p.m.—A Classical Programme. Choral—
"Mass in B Minor" (Bach)—No. 19, Cantor—Philharmonic Choir.

Trio From "The Musical Offering" (Bach)..... Italian Trio.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben String Orchestra—
Brinsford Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major (Bach).

Pianoforte—
Sonata in E Flat Major, Op. 81A ("Les Adieux"), (Beethoven).
Wieland Bachhaus.

10.30 p.m.—Military Band Music. With Ina Souez (Soprano).
Band—
"Swan Lake"—Ballet (Tchaikovsky).

Soprano Solos—
Love will find a way (Fraser).
My Hero (Strange & O. Strauss).

Band—
Air varie sur un theme Suisse (Mohl).

Band—
The Flamborough Sword Dance—Folk Dance (Sharp).
The Kirby Malvern Sword Dance—Folk Dance (Sharp).

Soprano Solos—
Always (Dyrenforth & Smith).
Love, I give you my all (Dowling & Bedy).

Band—
The "Champion" March Medley (arr. S. Ord Hume).

11 p.m.—Close down.

Capell. One number of theirs was particularly pleasing. About a dozen of the girls, clad in musical costumes, gave a display of tap-dancing to the rhythmic tune from the Rogers-Astaire film "Follow the Fleet."

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Maund, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, Messrs. Ellis, Wong, Low, Harland, Austin, Humphreys, MacNicol, Blythe and Smith, Mrs. Wong, Mrs. Baldwin and the Misses Gibbons, Ogden, Stephenson, West and Eileen Ellis.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following was the list of
local share quotations issued
to-day.

Banks
H.K. Bank \$1810 b., \$1810/1815
H.K. (Lon. Reg.) \$110 b.
Chartered Bank \$15 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank A. and B.
\$32 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank C. \$14 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia \$33 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins. \$300 n.
Union Ins. \$612 1/2 b.
China Underwriters \$1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$300 n.
International Asse. Sh. \$3 1/2 n.

Shipping
Douglases \$30 n.
H.K. Steamships \$7.40 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$35 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$36 n.
Shells (Bearer) 123/9 n.
Union Waterboats \$10 1/2 n.

Docks, etc.
H.K. and E. Wharves \$106 1/2 n.
H.K. and W. Docks \$13 1/2 n.
Providents (Old) \$1 1/2 n.
Providents (New) 20 cts. n.
New Engineering Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks Sh. \$30 n.

Mining
Kailan Mining Ad. 14/3 n.
Raub's \$13.10 b.
Venz. Goldfield \$3 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.60 n.
H.K. Lands \$35 s.
H.K. 4% Debentures \$105 n.
Shanghai Lands Sh. \$13 n.
Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$10 n.
Humphreys \$3 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities \$4.90 n.
Chinese Estates \$78 n.
China Realities Sh. \$4 n.
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.

PHILIPPINE MINING
Closings
Rates Sales
10 a.m. Local
in Pecos Currency

Antamoks 3.40
Atok 28
Baguio Gold 22
Baltoc Mining 14
Benguet Consol. 13 1/2
Benguet Explor. 34
Big Wedge 28
Consolidated Mines .. 33
Demonstrations 57
Ipo Gold 22
I. X. L. 1.50
Itogons 1.30
Masbate Consol. 36 1/2
Northern Mining 12 1/2
Paracale Mining 48
Salacot Mining 45
San Maurice 2.20
Suyoc Consol. 34
United Paracale 1.15

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways \$12.10 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$6 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$2 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$93 b.
Yau-mat Ferries \$25 s.
C. Light (Old) \$12.65 b., \$12-
70/3 sa.
C. Lights (New) \$10 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric \$53 1/2 b., \$54 sa.

Macao Electric \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights \$10 n.
Telephones (Old) \$27.90 b., \$28-
sa.
Telephones (New) \$10 n.
China Buses Sh. \$11 1/2 n.
Singapore Trams 27/- n.
Singapore Pref. 27/- n.

Industrials
Cald., Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$19 1/2 n.
Cald., Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ice \$2.05 n. ex. div.
Cements \$11 n.
H.K. Ropes \$2 1/2 n.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms \$20 b.
Watsons \$4.85 n.
Lane, Crawford's \$6 1/2 n.
Sincere \$3 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$50 n.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cotton Sh. \$13.90 b.
Shanghai Cotton (Old) Sh. \$85
b.
Shanghai Cotton (New) Sh. \$60
b.

Zoong Sings Sh. \$26 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$36 n.

Miscellaneous
Entertainments \$3 n.
Constructions (Old) \$1 1/2 n.
Constructions (New) 42 1/2 cts.
b.

Vibro Piling \$5 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.Bds.
93 3/4 n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prem.
b.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 3%
prem. b.
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

LOCAL DOLLAR
STEADY

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady,
opening on demand this morning
at 1/2 13/16.

"Spot" silver rose 1/16 to 21-
5/16, while "forward" was up
to 1/16 to 21 1/4.

The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4-
91 1/2, as compared with \$-U.S.\$4-
90 1/2, while the New York on Lon-
don cross-rate was quoted at \$-
U.S.\$4.91-9/16, as compared with
\$-U.S.\$4.90 1/2.

Commodity Prices
The following quotations have
been received by Reuters:

Prev. Yesterday
Closing Closing

New York Cotton:
January 12.30
March 12.33
May 12.20
July 12.10
October 11.66
Spot 12.32

New York Rubber:
December 20.11n
March 20.20
May 20.08
July 19.95
September 19.87

Chicago Wheat:
December 134 1/2
May 129 1/2
July 117 1/2

Chicago Corn:
December 108
May 102 1/2
July 97 1/2

Chicago Soybean:
December 101
May 101 1/2
July 101 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat:
December 121 1/4
May 121 1/2
July 123 1/2

Contracts Contracts
Opening Closing

May 104 1/2
July 101
December 121 1/4
May 121 1/2
July 123 1/2

London, To-day.

The President of the Board
of Trade, in a speech at Liverpool
last night, reviewed Britain's pro-
gress towards recovery. Employ-
ment, which was the great test of
prosperity, had in five years in-
creased by nearly 20 per cent and
industrial production by 40 per
cent. The period had been one of
continual expansion in British
trade, while the trade of the rest
of the world has been shrinking.

There was no doubt that British
export and import figures had
been telling a very eloquent tale.
There was little doubt that the
purchasing capacity of the British
working classes was greater than
at any time in history. That was
due, not only to the activity of in-
ternal trade, but also to the fact
that long before the Great War
and the great depression which
followed, the war social system
had been built up which spread
out the purchasing capacity in
wider and everwidening circles, to
the workmen and their families.

Bigger Imports
The imports into this country,
per head of the population, are
about 2 1/2 times those of France,
3 times those of Germany and 5
times those of the United States.

The volume of exports of Unit-
ed Kingdom goods during the first
nine months of this year was 20
per cent greater than in the cor-
responding period of 1931.

For manufactured articles, the
increase was 25 per cent, and
nearly every group showed an in-
crease. The excess of exports over
imports of manufactured goods
had increased from \$45,000,000 for
January to October 1931, to \$119-
000,000 from January to October
of this year.

End Of First Period.
The real explanation of these
facts was that in the last five
years the Government had been
doing what it could to keep an
(Continued at foot of next Col.)

New York Share Market

Messrs. White, Weld & Com-
pany, New York. Correspondents
for Messrs. S. E. Levy & Com-
pany, report:

Business done: 1,950,000 shares.
Grains: There is no change in
the outlook. If the near positions
advance, traders might sell a part
of their holdings with the idea of
re-entering the market on any
setback.

Total sales: 40,087,000 bushels.
Cotton: Large offerings of low
grades without any demand de-
pressed near months. A further
influence was the likelihood of ear-
ly offering of Government loan
cotton. We see little chance of
higher prices at present.

Rubber: The market opened
strong, which recommend buying
on setbacks.
Total sales: 3,630 tons.

NEW
ADVERTISEMENTS

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Hong Kong, 18th Dec. 1936.

BRITAIN'S TRADE
IMPROVEMENT

Benefits From Open
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ALL ROUND INCREASE SHOWN

London, To-day.

The President of the Board
of Trade, in a speech at Liverpool
last night, reviewed Britain's pro-
gress towards recovery. Employ-
ment, which was the great test of
prosperity, had in five years in-
creased by nearly 20 per cent and
industrial production by 40 per
cent. The period had been one of
continual expansion in British
trade, while the trade of the rest
of the world has been shrinking.

There was no doubt that British
export and import figures had
been telling a very eloquent tale.
There was little doubt that the
purchasing capacity of the British
working classes was greater than
at any time in history. That was
due, not only to the activity of in-
ternal trade, but also to the fact
that long before the Great War
and the great depression which
followed, the war social system
had been built up which spread
out the purchasing capacity in
wider and everwidening circles, to
the workmen and their families.

Bigger Imports
The imports into this country,
per head of the population, are
about 2 1/2 times those of France,
3 times those of Germany and 5
times those of the United States.

The volume of exports of Unit-
ed Kingdom goods during the first
nine months of this year was 20
per cent greater than in the cor-
responding period of 1931.

For manufactured articles, the
increase was 25 per cent, and
nearly every group showed an in-
crease. The excess of exports over
imports of manufactured goods
had increased from \$45,000,000 for
January to October 1931, to \$119-
000,000 from January to October
of this year.

End Of First Period.
The real explanation of these
facts was that in the last five
years the Government had been
doing what it could to keep an
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Auctioneers. Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1936.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidator of the Theatre Equipment Ltd., in Liquidation to sell by Public Auction on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1936 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at Nos. 9 & 11 Kansu Street, Kowloon.

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Auctioneers. Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1936.

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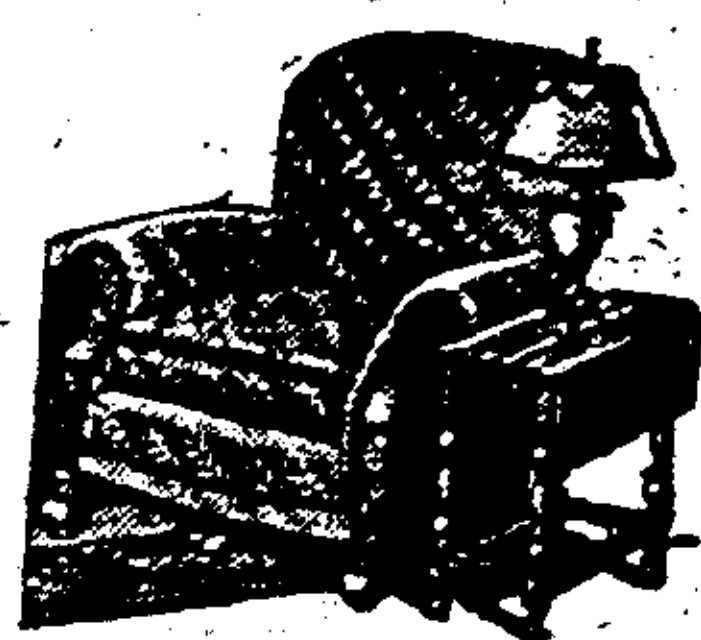
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BRIDGE NOTES

Part-Score Bidding

By Ely Culbertson

Most bridge players take too many chances. While a certain amount of aggressiveness is necessary to intelligent bidding, many players carry their fearlessness to so great an extreme that if they were always doubled when they should be doubled, they would lose millions of points yearly in penalties. It is because there are too many chances taken as it is that I hesitate to advise making light bids when vulnerable. There is, however, one situation in which it is foolhardy not to make a slightly shaded vulnerable bid. This situation arises when the opponents have a part-score.

It is always to the advantage of any team, when their opponents are on score, to do a little defensive bidding and prevent a very low contract from being good for a game. Defensive bidding must be tempered with caution, however, particularly when vulnerable, because usually the side which opens the bidding is likely to have most of the strength and there is danger of a 1,400 set or even more at even a low contract.

Because of this danger attending defensive bidding, it is advantageous for the team which plans to defend in any case to get their bids in at as low a level as possible, thereby minimising the amount that they can be set. A most effective method of bidding at the lowest possible level is to open the auction with a bid of one. I believe that sensible application of this principle saved the North and South team between 600 and 1,000 points on the following deal:

South, dealer
Both sides vulnerable
Part-score: East-West 40

NORTH

S—J 9 8 6

H—K Q 9 7

D—10 2

C—Q 10 4

WEST

S—A 4

H—5 2

D—Q J 9 7 6

C—J 8 5 2

EAST

S—K Q 7 5 2

H—A 4 3

D—5

C—A 9 6 3

SOUTH

S—10 3

H—J 10 8 6

D—A K 8 4 3

C—K 7

The bidding:

South West North East

1D Pass 1H 1S

2H Pass Pass 2S

Pass Pass 3H Pass

Pass 3S Pass Pass

Pass

South's opening bid of one diamond would not be made by a great many players, because the hand contains less than three honours-tricks. The bid should nevertheless be made without the slightest hesitation when the opponents have a part-score. By opening the bidding South makes it possible for his team to find their best suit and be in a position, if necessary, to take a one-trick set in order to prevent East and West from bidding and making some such low contract as two spades, which, because of the score, would be game.

The actual bidding of the hand paid South far greater dividends than he could have expected. Because South bid one diamond originally, North was able to show his shaded heart suit at the level of one. When East later bid two spades, South's raise of hearts had made it appear safe to North to sacrifice at three hearts, which contract would have been either made or defeated one trick, depending upon whether or not East obtained a diamond ruff. The rubber could then have been saved at a maximum loss of 200 points.

As it happened, West chose to bid three spades, at which contract East, as Declarer, was defeated one trick, losing two club tricks and one trick each in the other three suits. He might have lost an extra heart trick had South led spades, but South, thinking North might have five hearts, was not sure that East needed to ruff a heart and did not lead trumps for fear of trapping some honour North might hold.

If South had not opened the bidding with one diamond, West and North would also have passed and East would have bid one spade. Now, if South felt it advisable to defend, his logical bid would have been two diamonds, liable penalty or a game.

Amusement

Cinema Notes From
The Theatres"EARTHWORM TRACTORS"
KING'S THEATRE

Never has Joe E. Brown appeared so funny as in this picture nor has he been given so many opportunities to display his comic antics as in this comedy, the story of which has been taken from the *Saturday Evening Post* by William Hazlett.

Probably no other comedian of stage or screen could have come so close to being the personification of Alexander Botts, a natural born super-salesman, in his own mind, whose luck is so phenomenal that even his consistent and colossal blunders turn out to his advantage.

Joe E. makes Alexander Botts, one of the most comical heroes of fiction, live and breathe on the screen as Joe has lost none of his vim and pep as the greatest fun maker of the time.

Joe E.'s two leading women merit special comment. They are June Travis and Carol Hughes, both of the brunette beauty type. There is a talented supporting cast with Guy Kibbee giving a hilarious performance as a cantankerous and partially deaf old man to whom Joe tries for long in vain to sell tractors.

Dick Foran is excellent in his role as the successful rival of Joe in love, playing his part straight and acting as a foil to Joe's antics. Gene Lockhart, the famous stage comedian, gives a good account of himself as the rival salesman of Joe E. in the tractor field.

"FLASH GORDON"—QUEEN'S
THEATRE

Settings so fantastic that they startle the imagination form the background for the Universal film offering, "Flash Gordon," with Buster Crabbe in the title role. All the fascination of the mythical planet of Mongo, created by Alex Raymond in his newspaper strip, is emphasized in this new production, which Frederick Stephani directed. Jean Rogers, Charles Middleton and Priscilla Lawson have important roles.

A city suspended in the sky, a kingdom held below the sea, a rocket ship that shoots through space and rays that melt huge steel structures provided technical problems for the studio experts.

Strange costumes and weird make-up, which produce realistic shark-men, hawk-men and lion-men, were evolved after weeks of planning and experiment. On the screen the result is both awe-inspiring and grotesque.

Packed with action and suspense in every vital moment, this screen achievement contains situations which have never been attempted before in motion pictures. Watch Buster Crabbe struggle against the terrible emperor who plots to rule the universe with scientific cunning.

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"PADDY O'DAY"—STAR
THEATRE

With a twinkle in her eye and a saucy Irish brogue in her song, little Jane Withers heads a stellar cast of fun-makers in her joyous new Fox picture "Paddy O'Day."

The picture, which follows the fascinating adventures of a motherless little girl from Erin to the strange city of New York, presents Pinky Toulon, Rita Canino, Jane Darwell and George Givot—the Greek ambassador of radio—in the strong supporting cast.

The story of "Paddy O'Day" follows the trail of a little lass who goes to the United States on the steamer of a big boat, and who captivates the hearts of all her fellow passengers.

West would have doubled. Certainly, North could not have rescued on so weak a heart suit, and the hand probably would have been played at two diamonds doubled, at which South would have been defeated at least by two tricks. By getting in the first blow South saved either a sizeable

THREE CHEERS FOR LOVE—
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Lining up an array of talent unmatched in many months, "Three Cheers for Love" has everything the perfect tune-film needs. Dance teams are exceptional; the chain-lightning feet of Eleanor Whitney are matched with Robert Cummings, masculine lead, and the phenomenal steps of Olympe Bradna, new French dance sensation, are matched by those of Louis Da Pron, himself no sluggard for tap-speed.

The music of "Three Cheers for Love" includes the three hit songs "Where Is My Heart," "Long Ago and Far Away," and "The Swing Tap." Chorus numbers, including a novel and intricate fencing dance, are smoothly executed.

The picture has a light, fun-filled plot, which moves almost as rapidly as Miss Whitney's feet. The girl appears as a Hollywood youngster, daughter of a picture magnate, who is sent to a supposed "finishing school" by her step-mother.

The school, it develops, has a student body of chorines and a faculty of vaudeville actors, all of them intent on using Miss Whitney as a means of crashing into the movies. One of the troupers is Cummings.

Romance sets in as Cummings tries to persuade Eleanor to take part in a school show to which her father is to be invited.

Members of the skilled supporting cast include William Frawley and Roscoe Karns, who provide plenty of laughs; John Halliday, Elisabeth Patterson, Grace Bradley, Veda Ann Borg and Billy Lee.

"THE GHOST GOES WEST"—
ORIENTAL THEATRE

The production details of this picture that kept the London Films technical staff on its toes were the construction of an ancient Scottish castle, providing authentic furnishings for same, and the handling of an army of 1,445 extras for a huge Highland battle scene and another huge crowd for a brilliant ballroom scene staged on a trans-Atlantic luxury liner.

For a masquerade ball scene, one of the huge sound stages on the London Films lot was transformed into an ocean-going ballroom. More than 300 colourfully garbed actors strolled the set, including the principals, Robert Donat, Jean Parker, Eugene Pallette and Elsa Lanchester.

"The Ghost Goes West" was directed by Rene Clair, famous French director of "A Nous, La Liberté," "Sous Les Toits de Paris," "Le Million," and other international cinema hits. One of the first to interpolate the original and amusing use of music in films, Clair's score for this comedy is said to be one of his most brilliant pieces of scoring.

"THE NEW ADVENTURES OF
TARZAN"—MAJESTIC
THEATRE

December is the season for many fiestas in Guatemala, and one of the gayest is the Fiesta of Guadalupe, according to Major Frank Baker who, during his location trip to Central America as a member of the "New Adventures of Tarzan" company, has gathered much interesting information about the country.

The most striking feature of the Guadalupe celebration, Major Baker says, is the Devil Dance, not only because of the rhythmic fascination of the dancers' movements, but because of the picturesque costumes they wear. Many of these costumes are elaborate and beautifully made garments of red and blue velvet, lavishly decorated with sequins and embroidery. With these, the dancers wear devil masks with horns. Many of these are hideous but all are cleverly constructed.

The principal Devil Dance which Major Baker saw, took place in the Guatemalan town of San Cristobal, and will be shown in full in this new Edgar Rice Burroughs feature.

CHILD FALLS 50 FEET

A four-year-old Portland child, Joyce Dixon, fell 50 feet from the cliff to the beach at Portland recently and escaped with a few scratches.

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MANSLAUGHTER CASE ENDS
Coolie Sentenced To 8 Years' Gaol

A quarrel over a gambling debt of one cent was said to have led to the death of a wharf coolie and the appearance of his assailant before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of manslaughter.

Accused was Li Sai-ko, aged 21, and he was alleged to have unlawfully caused the death of Ng Shuk-tak, 32, at Haiphong Road on October 24.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, appeared for the prosecution, and accused, who pleaded not guilty, was not legally represented.

He was found guilty by the jury and sentenced to eight years' hard labour.

The following jury tried the case: Major W. Edge (Foreman), Mr. W. How-ching, A. M. Poo, C. M. Lawler, Yip-Sik-king, J. B. Pomeroy and C. Austin.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ENTERTAIN
Delightful Concert At Helena May

The children of the Peak School provided a delightful entertainment at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon, before a Hall filled with little children and parents.

The entertainment opened with a presentation by the junior children, entitled "A Living book of nursery rhymes." A toe dance by Peggy Stringer followed, and her effort received hearty applause.

The entertainment was produced by Miss M. W. Newsholme, Headmistress of the Peak School, with the assistance of Miss Buckwell, Miss Tallow, Miss Clarke and Miss Anderson, while Mrs. Morgan ably presided at the piano and accompanied the children.

Among those present were Mrs. R. A. C. North, Mrs. E. M. Henderson, Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mrs. P. F. Franklin, Mrs. A. R. Wellington, Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mrs. G. T. Williamson and Mrs. J. B. Edmund.

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STRIKE VIOLENCE IN FRANCE

Three Men Beaten Up By Mob Of 300

SITUATION BECOMES WORSE

Paris, To-day. Three employees of the Metal Works who attempted to return to their jobs were badly beaten up yesterday by a mob of 300 strikers who were picketing all the works and factories in Paris.

The strikers had previously agreed to evacuate all buildings pending a settlement of the dispute.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

TENSE SITUATION. Lille: Despite all the protests of the employers, the factories involved in the metal-workers' strike continue to be guarded by strike pickets. It appears that the Government is powerless to act, and yesterday saw the situation taking a turn for the worse.

During the course of the day clashes occurred in the strike area, and at one factory in the Lille region, 300 strikers, led by a Communist, reached the building and forced the engineer and three members of the staff to march off with them through the streets to the accompaniment of jeers and insults.—Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITISH RELATIONS WITH LIBERIA

Resumption After Five Year Interval

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

London, To-day.

After an interval of five years, the British Government has resumed diplomatic relations with Liberia.

The resumption of the relations was entrusted to the British Charge d'Affaires in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, in that he handed in his credentials. After this the Liberian Foreign Minister called at the British Legation.

The British Government broke off relations with Liberia in 1931, following the publication of the League of Nations' report on the prevalence of slavery in that country.—Trans-Ocean Service.

THEFT OF LEAD PIPING

Chinese Sent To Gaol

Wong Wing, aged 28, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for the theft of 20 pounds of lead piping from the Taikoo Dockyard yesterday.

Inspector O'Connor said that he defendant had the lead piping on his wrist when searched and it required a chisel to have it taken off. Mr. Kerr, Chief Officer of the S.S. Glauca, said that the lead belonged to the scupper pipes, and that considerable damage had been done to the ship.

INDIGNATION IN MOSCOW

(Continued from Page 1)

EARLIER FEARS

Many were sceptical when M. Titelescu, upon assuming charge of the Government, declared that the foreign policy as regards Soviet Russia would remain unchanged, and the present situation bears out the fears expressed at the time.

The Journal fears that the present act will encourage and inspire those elements in Rumania who are "financed by Fascist agents" to carry on anti-Soviet campaign in the Balkans.

The re-appearance of Polowski-Kornitz in the limelight will recall to many the important role he played before the war as Minister of the Czar. He was especially active in protecting Russian interests in Persia against an Anglo-American financial group. He was a personal friend of King Edward VII and a well-known figure in the international diplomatic circles.—Trans-Ocean Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone over China has increased considerably in intensity, and the depression is situated to the north-east of Hokkaido. The local forecast for today, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was north-east winds; fresh; cloudy generally.



Hugh Buckler, top, veteran stage and motion picture actor, and his son, John, aged 30, below, were drowned when their car plunged into Malibu Lake near Los Angeles, as they were driving through a heavy rainstorm last month. Young Buckler, who was making a name for himself on the screen, was to have been married soon.

ROYAL WEDDING

Holland En Fete To-morrow

The Hague, To-day.

The nuptial festivities which will culminate in the wedding of Princess Juliana to Prince Bernhard of Liepppe-Biersterfeld on January 7, 1937, are scheduled to begin to-morrow when the banns will be announced.

The message will be conveyed to the nation by six heralds while all church bells will ring. The festival programme includes concerts, special theatrical presentations, torchlight parades, receptions and sporting events, which will include a football match between a Dutch team and one from Liepppe-Deimold.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MR. BALDWIN AT CHEQUERS

Returning To London Next Tuesday

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, who has stood the strain of the recent crisis remarkably well, left London on Wednesday for Chequers, where he will spend the next few days and return to London next Tuesday. On the following day he will leave for his Worcestershire home, where he will remain until January 19.—British Wireless Service.

LEAGUE REFORM

Another Surprise At Geneva

SEPARATION COVENANT PROBLEM SHELVED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

The Committee for the League of Nations Reform adjourned sine die yesterday evening after having appointed 11 reporters for various points on its agenda. The reporters' task will not be to submit proposals, but merely to define the problems clearly and to point out in which way the various problems are interpreted.

The question of a Separation Covenant from the peace treaties, which had originally been included among the most important problems to be discussed, was stated, contrary to expectations, not to be one of the subjects on which a report has to be drawn up, the reason given for this decision being that all available material pertaining to this question is not yet to hand.

The report on the "Universality of the League" will be prepared by the British delegate, Lord Cranborne, that on Regional Pacts by the French delegate, M. Paul Boncour, and the report concerning the Reorganisation of the League of Nations by the Soviet delegate, M. Boris Stein.

It is generally believed that several months will pass before the Council meets again.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ANGLO-ITALIAN RELATIONS

Agreement Soon To Be Concluded

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Informed quarters here believe that the Anglo-Italian "Gentlemen's Agreement" suggested by Signor Mussolini two months ago may be concluded at an early date, perhaps even before Christmas.

It is asserted that by the agreement, Italy and Britain will reassure each other, in carefully couched language, that the traffic routes in the Mediterranean of vital importance to both countries and the interests of the two countries will not clash, but will supplement each other.—Trans-Ocean Service.

OSSITZKY LEAVES HOSPITAL

Berlin, To-day.—The Nobel prize winner, Karl von Ossitzky, whose selection for the prize by the Norwegian Committee aroused a storm of criticism in many countries, has been discharged from the hospital which he entered as a tubercular patient some time ago and has returned to his private residence.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR STATISTICS

London, To-day.—The Ministry of Labour statistics show that on December 1 the average level of retail prices was approximately 51 per cent. above the level of July, 1914. These percentages were the same as on October 31, 1936.—British Wireless Service.

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